MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17, 2016 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

MADAM CHAIR:

Tonita Gurule-Giron

COMMISSIONERS:

David Ulibarri Jr.
Barbara Casey
Vince Howell
David Romero
Ember Davis

ALSO PRESENT:

Carmela Martinez, Housing Director H. Chico Gallegos, City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Madam Chair Gurule-Giron asked Commissioner Barbara Casey to offer the moment of silence. Commissioner Casey stated, today we should give thanks for all the good things we have in our city. We have wonderful neighbors, we have friends, family. We have people who care about each other. We have a strong sense of community, and a strong sense of volunteerism and giving. For all those things we give thanks, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Vince Howell made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Commissioner Ember Davis seconded the motion.

Madam Chair Gurule-Giron asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Commissioner David Romero	Yes
Commissioner Ember Davis	Yes
Commissioner Vince Howell	Yes
Commissioner Barbara Casey	Yes
Commissioner David Ulibarri Jr.	Yes

Barbara Padilla re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Barbara Casey made a motion to approve the minutes of July 20, 2016. Commissioner David Romero seconded the motion.

Madam Chair Gurule-Giron asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Commissioner Ember Davis	Yes
Commissioner David Romero	Yes
Commissioner David Ulibarri Jr.	Yes
Commissioner Barbara Casey	Yes
Commissioner Vince Howell	Yes

Barbara Padilla re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

None at this time.

PRESENTATION - FINANCE

Finance Specialist, Natasha Martinez-Padilla presented the Housing Revenue and expenditure report thru July 31, 2016. Ms. Martinez-Padilla stated that 8% of the year has lapsed. Currently the HA is at 10% of our expected revenues and at 5% of expenditures.

HOUSING DIRECTORS MONTHLY REPORT

Housing Director Carmela Martinez reported that the Housing Authority maintenance crew has been very busy with unit turnarounds. They have also been working on weed control and grass mowing. With all the rains it has been hard to keep up, but they are doing the best that they can. The Maintenance staff is also practicing some cost saving measures by refurbishing old appliances and using parts on other appliances. The Housing Managers continue to conduct lease and code enforcement. They have been out inspecting units and red tagging vehicles that are inoperable.

The LVHA is currently working on an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for a landscape architect to work on a parking lot and drainage project for Sagebrush, Calle Contenta and Calle Bonita.

Director Martinez stated while we are here, and we have Barbara here, who was the interim Director prior to Director Martinez coming on board, she wanted to acknowledge the good work she did and the overall management and the operations of the Housing Authority. Director Martinez also wanted to let the commission know that Barbara just completed her 19 years with the City Government, and all of those years were in Housing. She stated we have somebody with a lot of experience in Housing. Barbara Padilla thanked Director Martinez for this acknowledgment.

Director Martinez thanked the commission for approving the Maintenance Inventory Supply Bid, which was very much needed.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Howell wanted to ask if there have been any leaks in the Housing Units because of the recent rains. Director Martinez stated she was not aware of any, but she will ask that question tomorrow at the staff meeting which Housing Staff has every Wednesday morning.

She will get back to Commissioner Howell on that. She stated that so far, no one has reported any leaks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/CLOSED SESSION

Director Martinez stated there is no need for Executive Session at this time.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Vince Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Barbara Casey seconded the motion.

Madam Chair Gurule-Giron asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Commissioner David Romero	Yes
Commissioner Ember Davis	Yes
Commissioner Vince Howell	Yes
Commissioner Barbara Casey	Yes
Commissioner David Ulibarri Jr.	Yes

Barbara Padilla re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Madam Chair Tonita Gurule-Giron

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk